NOTICE OF A CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL TRACK ALONG THE NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD (NCRR) CORRIDOR FROM HAYDOCK TO JUNKER (SOUTH OF CONCORD TO NORTHEAST OF CHARLOTTE)

TIP P-3414N

Cabarrus and Mecklenburg Counties

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold a Citizens Informational Workshop for the above-mentioned railroad project on Thursday, August 20, 2009, beginning at 5:00 p.m. and ending at 7:00 p.m. at the Old American Legion Hut, located at 2200 Rocky River Road East, Newell, 28213.

NCDOT representatives will be available in an informal setting to answer questions and receive comments about the proposed project. The opportunity to submit written comments and/or questions will also be provided and are encouraged. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the above mentioned hours. <u>Please note</u>: there will be no formal presentation.

NCDOT proposes to construct an additional railroad track adjacent to the existing railroad track along a 12.2-mile section of the North Carolina Railroad (NCRR) between Haydock (south of NC 49 at Concord) and Junker (at Orr Road in northeast Charlotte). The additional track is to improve train travel and minimize congestion on the existing rail line between Concord and Charlotte. This is the southernmost piece of three double track projects proposed between Lexington and Charlotte. Minor railroad alignment changes and safety improvements are also being considered.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Marc Hamel, Environmental & Planning Branch, Rail Division at (919) 733-7245 x 270, Jason Orthner, P.E., Engineering &Safety Branch, Rail Division at (919) 715-7894, or Mark Reep, P.E., Ko / Florence & Hutcheson at (919) 851-6066.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Mr. Hamel as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.